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SUBJ: UNFICYP PHASE THREE REDUCTIONS

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1. AMB SCHAUFLE SPOKE TO USYG GUYER AND MISOFF TALKED WITH HIS DEPUTY, F.T. LIU, ON MARCH 22 TO EXPRESS STRONG US INTEREST IN ACHIEVING UNFICYP REDUCTIONS BEYOND PHASE II. GUYER WAS RECEPTIVE, LIU MUCH LESS SO.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION DEVOTED MAINLY TO UNEF MATTERS, SCHAUFLE INFORMED GUYER OF SENSE IN WHICH WE PLANNED TO TALK TO TURKISH GOVT IN RESPONSE TO UN REQUEST OF MARCH 8. GUYER WAS GLAD TO HEAR OF OUR INTENDED APPROACH. AS FOR PHASE III, HE SAID HE WAS ASKING UNFICYP TO WORK OUT NEXT POSSIBLE STAGE OF REDUCTION. IN STRICT CONFIDENCE, HE REVEALED THAT HE INTENDED TO VISIT CYPRUS, AND PROBABLY GREECE AND TURKEY, BEGINNING MAY 19. ONE OF MAIN PURPOSES OF TRIP WOULD BE TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER REDUCTIONS.

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3. WITH LIU, WE RAN THROUGH POINTS IN DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND LEFT PIECE OF PAPER SUMMARIZING THEM. THROUGHOUT PRESENTATION, LIU (WHO IS JUST BEGINNING TO RECOVER FROM TRAUMA OF PHASE II) MADE SPLUTTERING NOISES SIMILAR IN MEANING IF NOT SOUND TO CLICKING NOISES MADE BY BAYULKEN IN RESPONSE TO AMB MACOMBER'S DEMARCH LAST YEAR ON SAME SUBJECT. LIU SAID TURKS, TROOP CONTRIBUTORS AND UNFICYP HAD JUST BARELY BEEN BROUGHT TO AGREE TO PHASE II -- HOW COULD THEY BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT FURTHER REDUCTIONS? LIU SAID US WAS OF COURSE "A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY", AND COULD SUGGEST ANYTHING IT PLEASED. WE SAID OTHER SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES, SOME OF THEM MAJOR TROOP AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS AND MEMBERS OF SC, SHARED OUR VIEW.

4. WE HAD TALKED EARLIER IN DAY TO BRITISH AND CANADIAN MISSIONS, BOTH OF WHICH AGREED IT WAS GOOD TO REMIND SECRETARIAT THAT PHASE II WAS NOT END OF THE ROAD. BRITISH IN PARTICULAR SAID THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THEY BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT US IN NEW YORK WITH SIMILAR, THOUGH PERHAPS MORE GENERAL, APPROACH. (FRG MISSION -- GERMANS ARE THIRD LARGEST FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO UNFICYP -- IS ALSO PROPOSING THAT BONN CONSIDER SUPPORTING US EFFORTS.)

5. SUGGEST DEPT MAY WISH TO AUTHORIZE EMBASSIES LONDON AND OTTAWA TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN EXPLAINING US POSITION AND REQUESTING SUPPORT. (WE DO NOT THINK APPROACH TO FRG WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME.)
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